

Tennessee Events

(Calendar events are as accurate as possible at press time. Since times or event schedules may change, telephone numbers are provided so you can call to confirm. For a complete listing of events in Tennessee State Parks, visit the Web site www.tnstateparks.com/events.)

July

- 11 Jackson.** Summer Celebration Lawn and Garden Show at UT AgResearch West Tennessee Research and Education Center. Join garden enthusiasts and naturalists for a day full of presentations and learning opportunities. The event runs from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is charged. Info: 731-424-1643.
- 11-13, 18-20, 25-27 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area.** "Liberty: The Saga of Sycamore Shoals," Tennessee's official outdoor drama, presented by local performers against the backdrop of Fort Watauga. Now in its 35th year, it is the story of the Overmountain Men, colonists who defied British law and settled on Cherokee lands. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Admission is charged. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 12-14 Murfreesboro.** 36th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days. Events at this festival that celebrates traditional acoustic music and dance take place at Cannonsburgh Pioneer Village. Admission is charged. Info: www.uncledavemacondays.com/wordpress.
- 20 & Aug. 17 Frozen Head State Park.** Volunteer Trail Days. From 9 a.m.-3 p.m., volunteers will assist with trail maintenance and some trail construction. Info: 423-346-3318.
- 20 Fentress County.** Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Division of Natural Areas Field Trip: Crawdad Hootenanny at Colditz Cove State Natural Area. Take an aquatic excursion to a natural area best known for its waterfall, Northup Falls. The area is home to many crayfish. Learn to coax crayfish out of their sand and cobble burrows. Reservations are required. Participants will meet at 10 a.m. CT at the Colditz Cove parking lot. Info: 615-532-0441.
- 27 Dunbar Cave State Park.** Coolin' at the Cave. The Friends of Dunbar Cave present this afternoon of music and games at the mouth of the cave. Info: 931-648-5526.

August

- 4 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area.** Elizabethton Butterfly Count. Meet naturalist Don Holt for this day-long winged adventure sponsored by the North American Butterfly Association and Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area. Hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 10 Maury County.** Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Division of Natural Areas Field Trip: Canoe Float on the Duck River from Leftwich Bridge to Howard Bridge. Reservations are required. Participants will meet in a parking lot in Brentwood at 9 a.m. CT and then carpool and caravan to the put-in site. Info: 615-532-0431.
- 10-11 Fort Loudoun State Historic Area.** Garrison Weekend. The daily lives of the men, women and children of Fort Loudoun are recreated for the public. Park visitors will find living history re-enactors in costume at Fort Loudoun. Info: 423-884-6217.
- 10-11 David Crockett State Park.** David Crockett Days. This free, living history event with an all-day schedule recognizes David Crockett's 227th birthday. Events include black powder shooting, tomahawk throwing, traders and more. Info: 931-762-9408.
- 16-18 Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park.** Crockett Days. Join park staff and local historical interpreters for three days of celebration of David Crockett, pioneer, political leader and one of Tennessee and Greene County's favorite sons. The schedule, highlighting early pioneer life in Tennessee, includes living history demonstrations depicting life on the frontier, activities, workshops, kid's games, crafts, period food and music. The schedule is noon-7 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Info: 423-257-2167.
- 17 Morristown.** Davy Crockett's 227th Birthday Celebration at Crockett Tavern Museum. Set from 5 p.m.-8 p.m., the schedule includes music, refreshments and storytelling as well as recognition of the 225th birthdays of Elizabeth and Polly Crockett and a celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Hamblen County Chapter of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities, operators of the museum. Info: 423-587-9900.

September

- 24 Knoxville.** Wonder of Hummingbirds Festival at Ijams Nature Center. From 9 a.m.-5 p.m., the program includes hummingbird and songbird banding with Mark Armstrong; guest speakers; guided walks; vendors with plants, nature items, arts and crafts, food and drinks. Info: 865-567-4273.
- 24 Coffee County.** Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Division of Natural Areas Field Trip: Hike and Discussion at May Prairie State Natural Area. This event is planned as an easy hike with a talk about prairie management at one of the premier native grasslands in the Southeast and will last about three hours. A 10 a.m. start is planned. Reservations are required. Info: 615-532-0436.
- 24 Lewis County.** Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Division of Natural Areas Field Trip: Late Summer Hike at Dry Branch State Natural Area. Hikers will see late summer wildflowers in an area does not have developed public access so this is a limited guided hike of about 2.5 miles. Reservations are required. Participants will meet in Hohenwald at the intersection of Highway 412 and Brush Creek Road at 9 a.m. CT and then carpool to the hike location. Info: 615-532-0439.
- 27 Crossville.** Fall Gardener's Festival at UT AgResearch Plateau Research and Education Center. Attendees can consult with experts for gardening information and attend educational sessions. Event hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. CT. Info: 931-484-0034.
- 6-8 Roan Mountain State Park.** Fall Naturalists Rally. A dinner, hikes, bird watching and presentations by speakers led by the Friends of Roan Mountain. Info: 423-543-7576.
- 6-8 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** 35th Annual Mountaineer Folk Festival. Mountain music, handmade crafts and demonstrations of pioneer skills and country cooking are featured. Info: 423-881-5708.
- 6-8 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** 13th Annual Celtic Festival. Celebrate Appalachia's Celtic heritage. Events include dance, music, food, family history, demonstrations, and reenactments of 18th and 19th century heritage. Admission is charged. Events start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. A concert is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 7 Moscow.** Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Division of Natural Areas Field Trip: Guided Canoe Trip on the Ghost River. This nine-mile float will focus on the history, diversity and beauty of the Ghost River State Natural Area. Reservations are required. Participants will meet at the Bateman Bridge takeout in Moscow at 9:30 a.m. Info: 731-253-9652.
- 7-8 Fort Loudoun State Historic Area.** 18th Century Trade Faire. The park and the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum partner in the Great Island Festival set from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. The festival is a series of concurrent events designed to take visitors back to an 18th century trade faire and a Cherokee encampment. The trade faire features encampments of soldiers, settlers and American Indians. Demonstrations include artillery and musketry and merchants and artisans on hand to peddle food and wares reminiscent of the time. Admission is charged. Info: 423-884-6217.